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Police find marijuana in sex shops

CHARGES Two sex shops in Leduc have been busted for allegedly selling a little more than marital aids.

Search warrants for Night Rhythms and Allush Lingerie were conducted, leading officers to what they believe were bags of pot both in the stores and in a trailer parked out back.

Richard Laurie Burton, 51, and Alice Marie Burton, 38, were both charged with possession of a controlled substance.

While Alice Burton was released on \$500 cash bail, Richard Burton was remanded into custody.

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Staff Sgt. Jamie Ewatski speaks to media at the downtown police headquarters about the Top Cop Award, which he received yesterday.

From court to Top Cop

Kiwanis award goes to officer appealing assault conviction

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A city police officer who was convicted of assault in July has been named the best of the best.

Staff Sgt. Jamie Ewatski was handed the Kiwanis Top Cop Award at Police Headquarters yesterday for his 30 years of service, and 13 years of commitment to keeping kids off drugs.

Ewatski, 48, and Staff Sgt. Giovanni (John) Fiorilli, 48, were convicted of assault on July 8, after Herve Dubois,

47, claimed the officers pepper-sprayed and arrested him in his home without a warrant in December 2004.

Ewatski was handed an absolute discharge, which meant he would not have a criminal record if he completed 60 hours of community service. He is appealing the conviction.

"This (award) maybe solidifies a few things that were brought to the attention in court that day. Realistically, the people who know me, know what I am and who I am," he said.

Ewatski was praised yes-

Appeal process

• Appeal proceedings for Staff Sgt. Jamie Ewatski and Staff Sgt. Giovanni Fiorilli begin Dec. 11.

terday for his commitment to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program, and for his roles in various sections. He was D.A.R.E. officer of the year in 1998, and has taught more than 600 children.

Chief Mike Boyd also praised Ewatski's abilities. "Our students are 20 per

cent of our population, but they are 100 per cent of our future. Jamie recognizes that," Boyd said.

With the appeal process looming, the top cop remains optimistic and proud of his achievements.

"I realize that I still have a matter before the courts," Ewatski said. "Has it impacted the way I've been doing business as a police officer? Not at all."



Watch as Ewatski speaks with reporters about his love of the job at metronews.ca/local

MD puzzled by students cancelling CF event over race, gender

DISEASE Cystic fibrosis experts in Edmonton are reacting with confusion after a university in Ottawa decided to axe fundraising for the disease, because it mainly affects white men.

The student's group at Carleton University voted to cancel its annual Shinerama event, saying the disease doesn't affect a diverse enough group and won't be supported by students.

"It seems bizarre," said Dr. Neil Brown, University of Alberta cystic fibrosis clinic head physician.

Brown said while the respiratory and digestive disease is common among white men, it's not gender specific.

"This is a genetic disease, and based on the fact that it's more common in some races than others is not reason enough to cancel. People don't choose to get it."

U of A Shinerama organizer Christina Luong said the student body should have been consulted, adding "Maybe if they polled the student population at large, they'd get a better idea of what everyone thought of it."

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Scrapbookers unite

The St. Albert United Church will be hosting a marathon scrapbooking event Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The 12-hour marathon will be held in conjunction with a potluck and attendees are asked to bring food for the group and a donation for the Edmonton Food Bank. For more information, call 780-690-5306. **METRO EDMONTON**

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Secret Santa

It's that time of year again, and the hard-working gift wrappers at Santa's Anonymous are looking for volunteers. To help wrap presents, head down to 12150 - 154th Street any Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday or Sunday after Nov. 25 to fill out a volunteer application form. **METRO EDMONTON**




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Curlers Jennifer Jones and Kevin Martin check out some curling rocks at Capital FM in West Edmonton Mall yesterday. Jones and Martin were there to sign autographs and promote the Roar of the Rings curling trials, just over a year away.

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Watch what researchers have learned about Thursday's meteor at metronews.ca/local

Watch Food bank donations are dropping just as demand spikes at metronews.ca/canada

One man dead after crash

CRASH Alcohol is believed to be a factor in a fatal collision that shut down Anthony Henday Drive for most of Monday afternoon, police say.

Around 3:35 p.m., officers responded to a three-vehicle collision on Henday Drive near 127th Street. It's believed a 33-year-old man travelling west drove his car across the centre median, through a fence and into oncoming traffic.

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Taft stays on wagon

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With only a short time left until Kevin Taft steps down as Alberta's Liberal leader, the Edmonton-Caldor MLA was able to steer wrestle his fellow provincial politicians one hoof closer to making rodeo an official Alberta sport.

"I'm delighted to see the motion pass with support from members of the Legislative Assembly," said Taft in a release about his private members bill, passed Monday in the Legislature.

"Whether it is the Calgary Stampede, the Canadian Finals Rodeo in Edmonton, the Ponoka Stampede or the Thornhill Rodeo, Albertans from across the province clearly love rodeo."

Alberta Culture Minister Lindsay Blackett said Taft's bill won't become law because it's too big of a step for a government that is dealing with "more

important issues."

"I've got a lot more pressing concerns than making rodeo an official sport," said Blackett during a phone interview with Metro.

Tove Reece, a director with an Edmonton-based animal rights group, says Taft's new bill is "a giant step backwards" for Alberta when it comes to respecting the safety of animals.

"Make no mistake, these animals are tortured," said Reece with Voice for Animals. "To have that kind of spectacle or entertainment being called a sport, I think first of all is a joke."

"To have it the official, so-called sport of Alberta, I think is embarrassing."

Taft says the sport epitomizes Alberta's western heritage, along with gov-

ing the province a chance to highlight its cowboy culture to the rest of the world.

"No other sport carries such a deep connection to our province's land and wildlife, and that connection has played a huge role in Alberta's economic growth and cultural development," said Taft.

The motion isn't binding, but it will put pressure on the government to act, said the Liberals.

A new leader for the Liberals is expected to be announced next month after Taft announced he's stepping down as party leader in the fall. Taft will still be an active MLA for the party.

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Defence depicts slain teen

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A medical examiner ruled that a slain teenager had ecstasy in his blood, along with a blood alcohol level of 163 milligrams — more than double the legal limit, said a defence lawyer yesterday.

As lawyer Peter Royal continued to cross-examine Joshua Hunt's mother



Joshua Hunt

in the second day of a trial into his death, he questioned her on whether she was aware the 16-year-old had problems with drugs, crime and alcohol.

Witnesses also claim Hunt was known to carry

around a knife, said the defence lawyer in his cross-examination.

Julie Anne Hunt said she was never aware her son had any problems related to substance abuse and crime, but added he was known for his outbursts.

"I knew he had problems," said Hunt's mother. "I don't believe he would carry a knife with him."

A 19-year-old man has been charged with murder

in Hunt's death, but he can't be named as he was 17 at the time of the alleged crime. He pleaded not guilty to one count of second-degree murder and two counts of assault.

The Crown alleges the youth stabbed Hunt in the heart after a fight in the home of the accused during a party.

The trial is expected to last 20 days. **WITH FILES FROM VICTORIA HANDSIDES**

Economic crisis brings 'new faces' to food bank

There are many new faces showing up at Edmonton's food bank, thanks to the global economic meltdown, says the charity's executive director in wake of a national report that shows more Canadians than ever before are using food banks.

Marjorie Bencz says an

official tally isn't available since the markets tanked last month, but she says staff are beginning to notice "new faces" as companies lay off staff and reduce work hours.

"Within the last few weeks, we are seeing some of the pressure just starting

to happen," said Bencz.

Bencz also says staff are "cautiously optimistic" that they will see food filling up the shelves as fast as it has in the past with its annual Christmas drives.

The working poor are using food banks across the country more than ever,

said a report released yesterday.

Homeward Trust Edmonton also said in a report that more than 3,000 homeless people are living on city streets this year, an 18 per cent jump than what the group counted in 2006.

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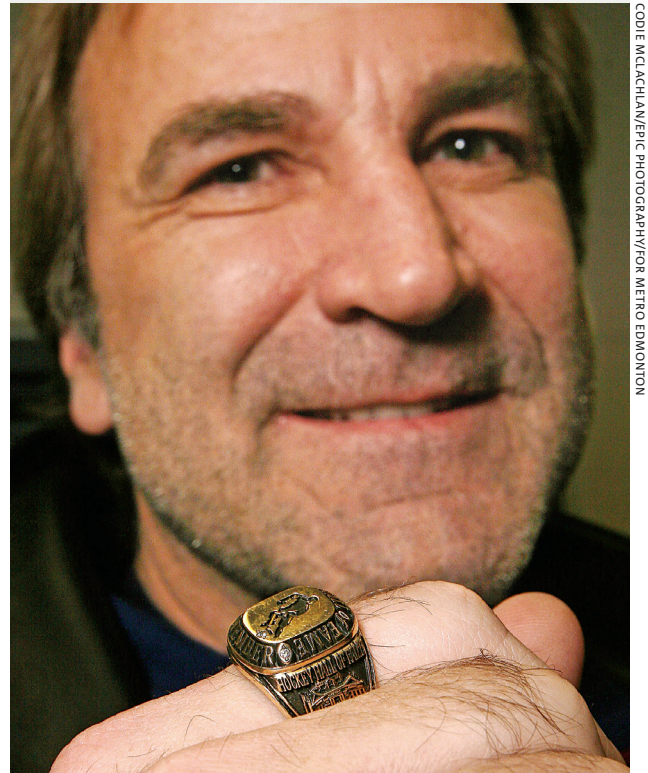
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Ticket sales Christmas Luncheon



Retired Edmonton Oiler Glenn Anderson shows off his new Hall-of-Fame ring at Edmonton's Fire Hall No. 2 downtown. Anderson and former teammate and Oilers general manager Kevin Lowe were on hand to help launch ticket sales for the upcoming Christmas Bureau — Copper Jackets Christmas Luncheon.

News in brief

CLOSE CALL An errant bullet fired from a gun in an upper-level suite at a north-end building Monday night missed a man who was watching TV in bed in the condo below by just a few inches, police said.

Amarinder Singh Parmar, 26,

has been charged with careless use of a firearm, unauthorized possession of a weapon, knowingly possessing a prohibited weapon, possession of a loaded prohibited weapon and possession of a controlled substance. **METRO EDMONTON**

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New Brunswick teacher charged with 16 more luring offences, pleads not guilty

A 34-year-old former elementary school teacher pleaded not guilty to 27 charges of Internet luring of children in a St. Stephen court on Tuesday. The RCMP laid 16 more charges against Jude O'Reilly yesterday. The Mounties allege the charges involve as many as 25 young people. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Canada



Retiree finds name on no-fly list

A 66-year-old former school secretary from Vancouver Island says she has had to shelve her retirement dream of travelling the world because her name has appeared on an international security watch list. Despite recent help from the RCMP, Glenda Hutton, who has no criminal record, has been unable to get her name removed from the list. She was recently rejected from crossing the border into the U.S. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Space rock could weigh 10 tonnes

METEOR A University of Calgary researcher has discovered that the spectacular meteor that lit the skies over the prairies last Thursday weighs approximately 10 tonnes.

U of C expert Alan Hildebrand also believes the large fireball may have left chunks of the shattered space rock in a region in western Saskatchewan.

"We are now trying to get all the transient information about the fireball before it is lost," Hildebrand stated in a press release.

He has led a team of researchers and people interested in finding the remaining pieces of the rock on a hunt just south of Battle River, Sask.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Funding trips up Ballet B.C.

FERNANDO CARNEIRO
Metro Canada

LAYOFFS There's no one left standing — on their tippy-toes or otherwise — at Ballet B.C. as all 38 dancers and staff were terminated.

The Ballet British Columbia's board of directors issued a news release yesterday saying that "flagging subscriptions and low ticket sales" are to blame. The board called the move a "reorganization."

Leon Feizo-Gas said the dancers were in rehearsal when the announcement was made. "There were a lot of tears," said Feizo-Gas, who was in his fourth season with Ballet B.C. "I was shocked. It really caught us all off guard."

The one show still on is the presentation of the Nutcracker in late December,



Leon Feizo-Gas, at the Scotiabank Dance Centre downtown Vancouver yesterday, is one of 18 dancers terminated by Ballet B.C.

which ballet board chairman Graeme Barrit said could save the company. "We are asking everyone to go and buy tickets for Nutcracker," Barrit said.

In the meantime, the board is asking for support at all levels of governments as well as private

sponsors.

To Feizo-Gas, this could mean having to move away from Vancouver. "That is something that needs to be considered by more than just myself," he said. "If I had a choice I would rather be a dance artist in Vancouver."

Cystic fibrosis not 'diverse' enough: Students' group

OTTAWA The Carleton University Students Association has voted to discontinue an annual fundraiser for cystic fibrosis on the basis that the disease mostly affects "white people, and primarily men," and is not "diverse" enough for students' continued support.

Meera Chander, who seconded the group's motion, said some students had suggested that CF did not affect a broad enough range of people to accurately reflect Carleton's makeup.

Cathleen Morrison, with the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, called the assertions "incorrect." CF is the most common fatal genetic disease affecting young Canadians and doesn't discriminate among gender or skin colour, said Morrison.

The school's 'Shinerama' fundraiser had raised nearly \$1 million. **METRO CANADA**

News in brief

TORIES Politicians and senior bureaucrats will feel the pain tomorrow when the federal government unveils plans to rein in spending and salaries while outlining an economic strategy to be put into action in the new year.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CALGARY Two city aldermen are lobbying provincial MLAs to put a halt on a controversial \$25-million pedestrian bridge over the Bow river, calling them "extravagant, unnecessary expenditures." City council has approved the project twice.

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Church upset at German man selling Jesus chocolates
Germany's churches criticized a businessman yesterday for selling thousands of Jesus chocolates. Frank Oynhausen set up his "Sweet Lord" chocolate Jesus-making business saying he wanted to restore some traditional religious values to Christmas in Germany. **REUTERS**

World



Keeping Mussolini's name alive

An Italian right-wing party is offering 1,500 euros (\$2,400) to parents who name their babies after wartime fascist dictator Benito Mussolini or his wife Rachele, saying their names are under threat. The MSI-Fiamma Tricolore party, the descendant of Mussolini's fascist party, said the initiative in the poor, southern region of Basilicata was meant to keep alive names "at risk of extinction" and pay tribute to the movement's roots. **REUTERS**

Man sentenced to life for raping daughters

A British man was sentenced to life in prison yesterday for repeatedly raping his two daughters over a 25-year period, fathering seven children by them during years of violence and abuse.

A court in Sheffield, northern England, heard that the 56-year-old took pleasure in the harm he did to his daughters, whom he began abusing at the age of eight, threatening them with violence if they refused to have sex with him, Britain's Press Association reported.

The violence, abuse and incest — the man made his daughters pregnant a total of 19 times — recall the case of Josef Fritzl, the Austrian rapist who kept his

"When either one of his victims tried to end the sexual abuse, he threatened to kill them and their children."

Nicholas Campbell, lawyer

daughter locked in a dungeon for 24 years, fathering seven children by her.

"When either one of his victims tried to end the sexual abuse, he threatened to kill them and their children, and when they threatened to tell police, he said they would not be believed," lawyer Nicholas Campbell told the court.

The convicted man's son described him as having a "Jekyll and Hyde" personality that could turn to anger in a split second.

The court heard that the

father would hold his younger daughter's face close to a fire, singeing her eyes, if she refused to do what he told her to, and at other times he held a knife to her throat, threatening to kill her.

"The victims were too frightened to tell anyone, even their mother," Campbell said. "The defendant played Russian roulette as to whether there would be complications in the pregnancies and with the health of his daughters."

REUTERS

Guatemala **Protesting violence against women**



Activists dressed as mimes perform a sketch about violence against women during a march to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women in Guatemala City yesterday.

DANIEL LECLERCQ/REUTERS

Fed to spend \$800B on debt

ECONOMY The U.S. Federal Reserve unveiled an \$800 billion US plan yesterday to buy mortgage-related debt and back consumer loans as it tries to revive the U.S. lending market and steer the global economy away from a deep recession.

As the Fed announced its move, the United States posted the sharpest fall in gross domestic product since 2001, likely joining Europe in recession, while China's economy is now expected to grow next year at the slowest pace since 1990.

The Fed's move is intended to strike at the

Mining takeover bid ends

• Mining company BHP Billiton's \$66 billion US bid for rival Rio Tinto became the latest corporate casualty of

global economic turmoil, with BHP blaming the financial crisis and sliding metals prices.

heart of U.S. economic woes, the collapsed housing market. The resulting meltdown in the high-risk mortgage market engulfed the world and caused the worst financial crisis in 80 years, freezing access to credit, sparking bank collapses and requiring the bailout of entire countries.

The latest actions mean the U.S. government now faces a possible bill as high as \$8.3 trillion from various programs to prop up the financial system, revive loan markets and rescue faltering companies. That is more than half last year's U.S. gross domestic product, about \$14 trillion. **REUTERS**

Obama plans to hack billions from spending

DEBT President-elect Barack Obama vowed yesterday to cut billions of dollars from wasteful government programs as he sought to reassure Americans anxious about a growing mountain of debt and a faltering economy.

Obama held a second news conference in Chicago in two days, and planned a third for today, seeking to calm see-sawing financial markets looking for signs that his incoming administration has a viable plan to tackle the worst economic crisis in decades.

He was expected to move away from the economy by early next week and announce some national security choices. They were reported to include making Sen. Hillary Clinton secretary of state and asking current Defense Secretary Robert Gates to continue in his post.

In his news conference yesterday Obama

ma vowed to run a cost-effective and efficient government.

"We cannot sustain a system that bleeds billions of taxpayer dollars on programs that have outlived their usefulness or exist solely because of the power of a politician, lobbyist or interest group," he said.

An obvious example, Obama said, were reports of crop subsidies to farmers who make more than \$2.5 million per year. He did not say what other programs he was eyeing.

Obama named Peter Orszag and Rob Nabors as the top two officials at the Office of Management and Budget, charging them with examining federal spending to cut wasteful programs.

Orszag immediately resigned as head of the Congressional Budget Office. Nabors serves as staff director of the House Appropriations Committee.

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News in brief

IRAN Shirin Ebadi, winner of the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize for her human rights work in Iran, said at least six juvenile offenders executed by Iran's judiciary since March.

RUSSIA A car exploded in Russia's second city of St Petersburg yesterday, killing three people and seriously injuring a fourth, the Emergencies Ministry said. **REUTERS**

Protesters take over airport

THAILAND Thousands of bemused tourists were left stranded yesterday in Bangkok after anti-government protesters stormed the terminal of one of Asia's busiest airports.

"There are a lot of people with sticks and baseball bats. They looked ready for a fight. We don't know what's going on," Belgian Ben Creemers said as People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD) supporters rampaged round the \$4 billion new terminal.

Airline and airport officials simply melted away, pulling down the shutters and deserting their posts at the approach of members of the PAD. **REUTERS**

Polish PM's body to be exhumed

MYSTERY Poland exhumed the remains of wartime prime minister and military leader General Wladyslaw Sikorski on Tuesday for DNA and other tests in an attempt to settle the mystery surrounding his death in 1943.

Sikorski died in a plane crash in Gibraltar after visiting Polish forces fighting with the British against Nazi Germany in the Middle East. Many Poles remain convinced he was assassinated. **REUTERS**



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Moon's spin on hate

Professor recommends repealing section of rights act

The WestView

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My hero is a guy called Richard Moon. Other people have their Sidney Crosbys or Beyoncé's, but I want Richard Moon's autograph. I'm thinking of mounting his picture on my office wall. He's the man.

Who, you ask, is Richard Moon? Well, he's a professor at the University of Windsor who has written a report, released this week, recommending that the Canadian Human Rights Commission no longer investigate complaints relating to hate speech.

Who cares about that, you snort? You should, as the Human Rights Commission and all its little provincial sprouts make it their business to monitor

your every thought, word and deed and decide whether or not you're playing by the rules.

The only problem is the commissions make the rules with zero input from me or you and they have a tendency to get zealous in their defence of the allegedly offended.

I've already written here about the sad case of Mark Steyn, the neo-conservative Maclean's journalist who was dragged through an interminable investigation hosted by the B.C. Human Rights Commission for the crime of writing a peevish piece about Islam, only after the determined complainant was turned down by the Canadian and Ontario commissions.

But not before the heads of both the CHRC and its Ontario counterpart, Jennifer Lynch and Barbara

Hall, respectively, took public shots at Steyn. Even if they reluctantly concluded that they had no jurisdiction in the

matter, they couldn't resist using their bully pulpits to bring him down a peg.

Who do they think they are, journalists?

Anyway, my new hero was commissioned to

write a report in the wake of the Steyn furor, and I bet it spoiled more than one bureaucrat's day as his principle recommendation is to repeal the section of the Canadian Human Rights Act, Section 13, dealing with hate speech.

He was quick to point out we already have plenty of protection against hate speech. It's called the Criminal Code of Canada, which bans the willful promotion of hate. But that's not enough for the thought po-

lice, who have duplicated these provisions ad nauseam across the country, just in case someone has an errant thought.

But in this social networking age, every errant thought is posted on the Internet and the thought police are wearing themselves ragged trying to stem the tide.

So instead of trying to shut down hate-filled stupidity wherever it rears its head, destroying free and honest expression in the process, Moon offers the following common sense approach: "Find ways other than censorship to respond to expression that stereotypes and defames." Argument, debate, discussion, dialogue: Whatever you want to call it, it beats the kind of kangaroo court justice practised by human rights commissions.

Now, let's just hope someone doesn't complain to the human rights commission about Richard Moon.

Paul Sullivan is a Vancouver-based journalist and owner of Sullivan Media Consulting.



Letters

Searching for son was compelling process

Re: Season's-end sadness (Oct. 28)

Rick McGinnis' words touched my heart and stirred a familiar haunted feeling. Mad Men depicts times that are very real to me — unwanted pregnancy, secrets and shame and then giving life to a beautiful baby destined for adoption.

Searching for my son was a compelling and healing process.

Sadly, my accomplished, clever and handsome son does not welcome an ongoing relationship. I honour his choice.

At the same time, I long for a relationship while holding him lovingly and tenderly in my heart. His very being continues to shape and define my life.

MARGARET WOOD, EDMONTON

Some feel Vancouver 2010 is a colossal waste of money

Now that women ski jumpers have a court date, maybe they can think about who is going to pay for their event's inclusion. Uh-hum, taxpayers.

If their thinking gets ad-

vanced enough, they will learn some taxpayers would rather not have their event funded, not because they dislike female ski jumpers, but from their belief that Vancouver's hosting of the 2010 Olympics is a colossal waste of their money.

VINCENT LIZEE, VANCOUVER

Don't pick on seniors for their driving habits

Re: Tougher rules for seniors? (Nov. 19)

Senior drivers respect the law more than younger drivers because their parents taught them the meaning of respect for others as well as good manners.

Could someone convey to Miss Williams that women my age (over 60) have the lowest accident stats?

CHRISTINE ARCAND GODIN, BOURGET, ONT.

Word on the street: Do you think the North American auto industry deserves a government bailout?

Tanya Kozakewich
age 29,
Edmonton

A: Driving a car is a luxury, it's not an automatic necessity. If they're suffering, I just don't think it should be like a public service.

Tony Fuentes
age 34,
Edmonton

A: No. What if my company was in the same situation? Would the government help us out? Probably not.

Kelly Hoskins
age 29, Toronto

A: Yes. The reason for that is the government is implicit in the state of the economy.

Kyle Button
age 24, Calgary

A: It's such a big part of our economy and I don't think it would hurt anything — they certainly need it. The big question is how much and how soon?

Sarah Massie
age 23,
Vancouver

A: No. If the heads of the car companies can fly in to ask for money on corporate jets, I think they can figure it out for themselves.

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Metro Life Panel

Results from the Canadian Metro Life Panel (441 respondents):

Yes: 19.8%
No: 68.3%
Don't know: 11.9%



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AIG executive gets salary of one dollar

American International Group Inc. chief executive Edward Liddy will receive \$1 US in salary this year and next, and there will be no bonuses for the company's top seven senior executives. Fifty more execs will also be locked out of pay raises in 2009. **REUTERS**

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Business

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Petro-Can joint venture unlikely: CEO

OIL Petro-Canada will not give up a stake in its oil-sands operations in order to acquire refining capacity to process the tar-like bitumen to be produced at its planned Fort Hills oil sands mine, its chief executive said yesterday.

Ron Brenneman said the company was not interested in forming a joint venture with a U.S. refiner that would dilute ownership of its oil sands assets.

It's more likely the company would buy or invest in a refiner, Brenneman said.

Both EnCana Corp. and Husky Energy Inc. have formed such ventures, surrendering half stakes in oil sands projects in return for an interest in U.S. refineries. The move allows them to avoid building expensive upgraders to process their oilsands bitumen. **REUTERS**

Automakers could cut 15,000 jobs: think-tank

AUTOS Beleaguered automakers in Canada will wipe out at least 15,000 jobs and post staggering losses of more than \$3.1 billion this year and in 2009 before starting a recovery in 2010, according to the Conference Board.

The slowdown in the U.S. auto market, a shift to more fuel-efficient vehicles not built in Canada and a strong dollar will continue to pummel automakers here for another year, the board said yesterday in its latest outlook for the sector.

The sector "has been battered by an unrelenting barrage of structural and macroeconomic developments over the last two years, a trend that is unlikely to subside as 2009 approaches," board economist Sabrina Browarski said in the outlook report.

"Once a stalwart of the post-NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) Canadian economy, the automotive sector will shrink for its fourth consecutive year in 2009."

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Car sales driven up 1.1% despite downturn

Despite troubles in the auto industry, Canadians bought a lot of new cars in September, helping to push up overall retail sales in the month by an unexpectedly strong 1.1 per cent from August.

New car sales jumped 2.9 per cent in value terms in September and the number of vehicles sold also rose. The automotive sector as a whole — which encompasses used vehicles and parts and gasoline — rose 2.2 per cent.

Statistics Canada said yesterday the increase in retail sales was largely due to the first rise in new vehicle purchases since January.

"All economists are eating some humble pie on this one."

Derek Holt

Car dealers in Canada forecast that 2008 will be the second or third best year on record for new vehicle sales, even as auto

manufacturers complain of plummeting U.S. sales.

The September gain more than offset August's 0.3 per cent decline in retail sales and made economists look excessively downbeat with their median forecast of a 0.3 per cent increase.

"All economists are eating some humble pie on this one as growth in total sales nearly tripled estimates, while growth in core sales ex autos quadrupled consensus predictions," said Derek Holt, economist at Scotia Capital.

The rise in car sales does not mean smooth sailing for the Canadian auto manufacturing industry, however, as about one in nine cars made in Canada is exported to the United States, where car sales are at depressed levels.

The good news is unlikely to last through the fourth quarter as the impact of the global financial crisis hit the Canadian economy in full force in October, as business and consumer spending, export levels and commodity prices decline.

REUTERS

Business in brief

NETWORKS Shares of Cisco Systems Inc. were down six per cent to \$15.41 US on Nasdaq

yesterday after the network equipment maker, a bellwether for the technology sec-

tor, said Nov. 5 it would shut down most its U.S. and Canadian business for five days as

part of its previously announced plan to cut costs by more than \$1 billion. **REUTERS**

Sports



"He's a walking train wreck, and unfortunately people turn their heads to watch a train wreck."

Golfer Stuart Appleby, left, about John Daly, right, on what he believes is the reason for Daly's invitation to the Australian Masters tournament. SOURCE: ESPN



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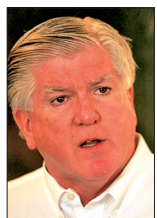
Burke all but signed in Toronto

NHL Brian Burke will have a formal contract offer from the Toronto Maple Leafs in his hands today and he's just a signature from becoming the team's president and general manager, sources told the Toronto Star.

Considering that the financial compensation have already been agreed, acceptance of the deal is a formality and the Burke era in Toronto will begin with that autograph. It's anticipated that the 53-year-old Burke will be introduced as the Leafs' head of all things hockey on Saturday. Burke's deal will include the rest of this season, then a five-year contract extension.

He made about \$1.4 million US managing the Anaheim Ducks and is expected to have his salary doubled by the Leafs.

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Burke



Athletes involved in the B2ten program look for the winning recipe with chef Matthew Schnarch, far right, during a retreat last year. From left are cross-country skier Alex Harvey, hockey goalie Kim St. Pierre, bobsledder Helen Upperton, skeleton racer Jeff Pain and moguls skier Stephanie St. Pierre.

B2ten may have medal formula

VANCOUVER
2010 Games

If Helen Upperton's bobsled had wheels, they'd have been spinning.

The promising young pilot was stuck in a rut: fourth at the 2006 Turin Olympics, five fourth-place finishes on the World Cup circuit the following season. She knew her driving was improving, even if the results didn't show it. She also knew she needed a new sled, so she committed herself to doing whatever it took to buy one.

It turned out to be a lot easier than she expected.

That summer she hooked up with an outfit called B2ten, a group of Canadian businessmen who have pooled about \$2 million together to provide Olympians with the extras that could produce a medal at the 2010 Vancouver Games — no strings attached.

It's not a blank cheque. In fact, the athletes don't get any cash. The program provides services and goods to complement what already exists and generally recruits athletes who are on the cusp of an international breakthrough but might be short of resources. "They said, 'You tell us what you need and we'll make sure you have it,'" said world champion speed skater Denny Morrison, a B2ten member.

Among the other 16 winter athletes in the program are Olympic moguls champion Jennifer Heil, Olympic skeleton silver medalist Jeff Pain, Team Canada hockey goaltender Kim St. Pierre, long-track speed skater Christine Nesbitt and short-track speed skater Francois-Louis Tremblay.

Upperton has been one of the major beneficiaries because of the equipment needs in her sport. B2ten has invested more than \$100,000

in buying her a sled from the Monaco federation, several sets of steel runners, plus support to help her adapt to the new sled. The help hasn't stopped there. Upperton said B2ten has provided mentoring, advice on team management and dealing with sports politics, access to top athletic trainers like Scott Livingston of the Montreal Canadiens, osteopaths, sports psychologists — and a lot more.

The donors appear to be in it truly to help the athletes, getting nothing tangible in return but a tax receipt.

"There's no quid pro quo, it's not a marketing-type thing, our name isn't on helmets or anything like that," said Barry Heck, a Calgary merchant banker who heads up the western investors.

But Heck said they share a feeling that Canada should be doing a lot better on the international stage, but is hurt by abysmal resources.

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DeAngelis may be headed to the NFL

Don't be surprised if the CFL's top scorer is kicking around the NFL next season.

Sandro DeAngelis, who connected on five of five field-goal attempts to lead the Calgary Stampeders to the Grey Cup last Sunday, has attracted the interest of dozens of NFL scouts, many of whom attended the CFL's championship game in Montreal. DeAngelis, a 27-year-old native of Niagara Falls, Ont., scored 217 points to finish atop the CFL in the past season.

The Los Angeles Dodgers are reportedly trying to re-sign free agent **Rafael Furcal**, whom the Blue Jays dearly covet for two roles — leadoff hitter and shortstop. The Jays likely won't outbid the

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Dodgers, San Francisco Giants or Oakland A's ... if the A's successfully lure Furcal, they'll trade short-stop **Bobby Crosby** — and the Jays already have let Oakland know they're interested. The A's might be willing to pick up part of Crosby's \$5.25-million US salary ... The Jays, meanwhile, continue to pursue slugger **Milton Bradley** but sources whisper their Plan B for power could be **Ken Griffey Jr.**

NBA King James



Cleveland forward LeBron James, rumoured to be headed to the Knicks in 2010, tosses chalk in the air as the crowd cheers him before his team beat the Knicks 119-101 last night at Madison Square Garden in New York. James scored 26 points in the win.

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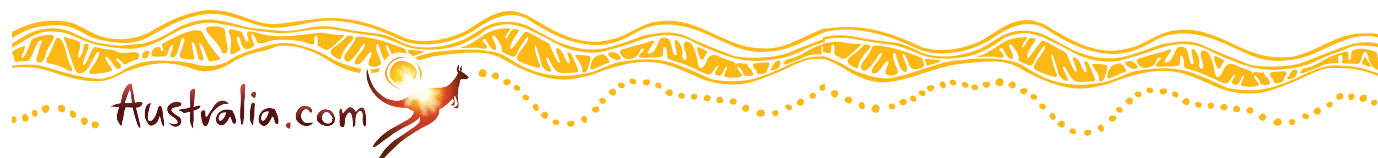
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Set on the explosive brink of World War II, *Australia* is the epic tale of one woman's journey to a faraway continent. Starring Nicole Kidman as a buttoned-up English aristocrat who comes to save the land she has inherited and Hugh Jackman as the rough-hewn local who helps her, they embark on a trip together across hundreds of miles of the world's most beautiful, yet unforgiving terrain, only to face the bombing of the city of Darwin.

In this lush telling, the landscape becomes its own character, inspiring viewers to reconnect with their spirit of romance and love of adventure in a way that only Australia can. Shot on location in Darwin, Sydney, the Kimberley region, and Bowen, a coastal town in Queensland, viewers get a sense of the dramatic and rugged landscape, stretches of sparsely populated wilderness, and cities of the day, like Sydney and Darwin.



Bullo River Station

Thought to be the inspiration behind Faraway Downs, the homestead featured in the film, Bullo River Station is in the north west corner of the Northern Territory and home to around 900,000 cattle, a stunning variety of native Australian animals including wallabies and dingoes as well as thousands of migratory birds and massive Boab trees. For more info, visit www.australiasoutback.com

Kununurra

Fertility waters? Nicole Kidman caused quite a stir when she recently named a local waterfall just outside of Kununurra for helping her and other members of the crew in falling pregnant during shooting. Kununurra is an aboriginal word meaning "big water". For more information, visit www.westernaustralia.com



The Kimberley

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Bowen

Bowen, a sleepy coastal town in northern Queensland was transformed during shooting to become WWII Darwin. After filming, a "Thank you Bowen" concert was played featuring none other than Nicole Kidman's husband, Keith Urban. For more info, visit www.destinationqueensland.com



Sydney

Hugh Jackman was born and grew up in Sydney and Nicole Kidman was raised here. Baz Luhrmann and Catherine Martin were also born in New South Wales, Catherine in Sydney and Baz in Herons Creek, a tiny rural settlement in the northern part of the state. For more information, visit www.sydneyaustralia.com

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around the campfire, and hearing about their unique lifestyle. Guests will learn to identify animal tracks and native plants while they herd approximately 200 cattle across red desert landscapes and sandy creek beds lined with river gum trees. Packed lunches and billy tea breaks, plus the opportunity to go in search of rare wildlife, such as the shy and elusive yellow-footed rock wallaby, are also included.

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T-Bone Steak with Mushroom Butter Jacob's Creek® Reserve Shiraz - Serves 4

4 T-Bone Steaks

Mushroom Butter:

- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup Cremini mushrooms, diced
- 1 tablespoon dried Porcini mushrooms, soaked, rinsed and chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- ½ cup white wine
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon fresh chives, chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- ½ teaspoon each salt and pepper

Sauté Cremini mushrooms in 2 tablespoons of the butter until soft.

Add Porcini mushrooms along with garlic and sauté a further 1 to 2 minutes. Add the white wine, increase heat and simmer until almost all of the liquid has reduced. Add lemon juice, reduce once again, turn off heat and fold through herbs with mustard, salt and pepper. Allow mixture to cool down to room temperature.

In a food processor, process remaining butter until light and creamy. Add cooled mushroom mixture and pulse so as to keep the mixture rough in texture.

To make your butter log, lay a large piece of foil on a flat surface. Place butter in the centre of the foil in a long line (about 30 cm), leaving a few centimetres of foil at either end. Fold foil

over lengthwise to roll butter into a log, twist ends and refrigerate until firm.

to serve:

Grill or BBQ steaks until done. Slice four 1-cm discs of butter from log and place each onto a steak. Butter discs should melt over steaks as they are being brought to the table. You can always store remaining butter in the freezer for future use.

Serve with a blue cheese salad, baked potatoes and Jacob's Creek® Reserve Shiraz.

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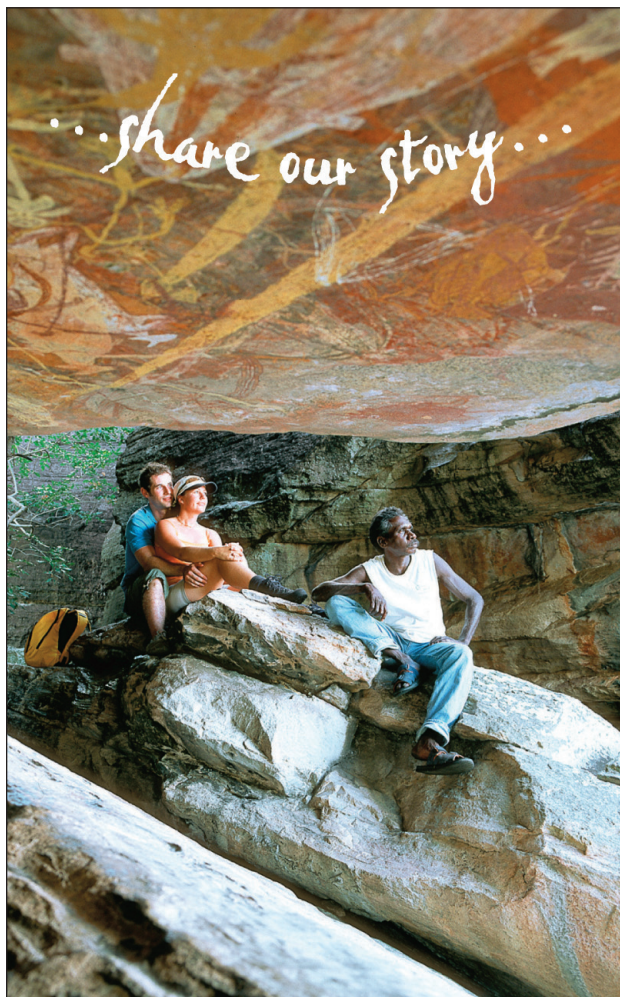


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Australia's Outback



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Escapes

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New Corolla shows class

Toyota engineers continue to improve global mega-seller

Many people are passionate about the Toyota Corolla according to the Corolla's chief engineer, Shinichi Yasui. He says the original engineering maxims that shaped the Corolla back in the mid-1960s are still followed today. And becoming a member of the Corolla engineering group is one of the most prestigious appointments in the company.

They've sold 33 million since its inception, after all. The newest one started with a new development program that sought to combine the best-in-class aspects from each region in the world into a single car. For instance, during final development the Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada (TMMC) team initiated a few changes — including increasing the distance between the accelerator and



brake pedals to accommodate a man's winter boot, increasing the size of storage pockets to fit larger-sized

North American electronics, and making the cup-holders big enough for an extra-large double-double.

Oh, and the door pockets were re-shaped to fit an ice scraper — photos and samples were sent to Japanese engineers not familiar with our quintessential winter tool. A few other highlights include dual glove boxes, a purse hook, audio systems with auxiliary input jack on all models, and standard air conditioning. The engineers also added an electric positive temperature coefficient heater system that accelerates the initial warm-up of the cabin when the engine is cold.

That's just the inside.

On the outside, the Corolla was restyled to appear more dynamic and upscale. The new Corolla looks leagues better than the old one — but still looks just like a Camry was distilled into a smaller form factor. The new Corolla is actually 60 mm (2.4 in) wider, 10 mm (0.4-in) longer, and a full 15 mm (0.6 inches) lower than the outgoing model. The new

2009 Toyota Corolla

Type: Compact car
Price: \$14,850
Engine: I4, DOHC, 1.8L / I4, DOHC, 2.4L
HP: 126-158

Highlights

- Larger
- Feels mid-size
- Quieter

proportions lend the car to better road presence, stability and cabin room.

The car also benefits immensely from the use of ultra-high grade steel reinforcements, plus what Toyota calls their "Global Body Line," an advanced automated assembly system used for Lexus vehicles.

The new base 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine produces 132 horsepower at 6,000 rpm, and 128 lb-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm. The power is linear and useable for highway merging, while the torque has been tuned to aid in-town pattering. It's standard fare for CE, LE, and S models

— with either a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission.

Returning to the lineup is the XRS model, with a torquey 2.4L 4-cylinder that's a league apart from the original, high-revving XRS featuring the Celica's high-performance motor.

The XRS also gets a few other improvements, like a front strut brace, four-wheel disc brakes, 17-in alloy wheels and vehicle stability control.

The range starts with the well-equipped CE, complete with roll-up windows. Otherwise, it's about all the car you'd ever need. Next up, the LE model is very well equipped, and even features automatic climate control and a smart key system — both features normally found on luxury cars.

Above the LE is the S, featuring a few sporty touches a la the outgoing model, like a sporty body kit and rear spoiler. Fully loaded, the XRS completes the lineup.

The entire car has moved nearly a class up, and reflects a mid-size car feel in a compact car.

Ford, Volvo cars lead safety list

WINNERS Seventy-two vehicles have earned the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's Top Safety Pick award for 2009. This is more than double the number of 2008 recipients and more than three times the number of 2007 winners. Top Safety Pick recognizes vehicles that do the best job of protecting people in front, side, and rear crashes based on good ratings in Institute tests. Winners also have to have electronic stability control (ESC), which research shows significantly reduces crash risk.

For the first time ever, winners represent every class of vehicle the Institute tests except micro-cars. Most car, minivan, and SUV models, midsize convertibles, and small and large pickups are eligible. Ford and its subsidiary Volvo have 16 winners, including the Ford F-150 large pickup. Thirteen winners are from Honda and its Acura division. The Honda Fit with optional ESC is the first minicar to earn Top Safety Pick.

Honda, Acura, and Subaru, which picked up four awards, are standouts for 2009 because they have at least one Top Safety Pick in every vehicle class in which they compete.

"Consumers are the biggest winners," says Institute president Adrian Lund. "No matter what kind of vehicle buyers may be considering, now they can walk into just about any dealership and find one that affords the best overall protection in serious crashes."

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Nissan Cube finally coming to fans outside Japan

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In the Japanese TV advert for the Nissan Cube, a Bambi-cute deer spots the car driving through the forest and rushes to throw herself in the road, faking injury so the two kind-hearted Cube drivers pick her up and put her in the back seat, where she achieves her goal — getting a ride in this loveable car.

That's the thing with the Cube, it's so irresistible that everyone wants a ride in one. When the Cube first appeared in 1998, it blew car design fans away with its unique, boxy shape and its asymmetrical design. More than just a car it was a beautifully-conceived piece of product design, in the same way that the iPod is more than an MP3 player.

Those bitten by the Cube bug have been waiting to buy it ever since. But, as Alfonso Albaisa, VP of Nissan



Metro's Global Motoring Editor Emma E Forrest gets a sneak preview of the cool new Nissan Cube at Nissan's European design HQ in central London.

Design Europe, explained at the reveal of the third-generation version that is finally coming to the U.K., there were obstacles to overcome, including reversing engineering to create a right-hand drive car.

The exterior is still show-stopping despite the crowd-

ed landscape for boxy cars, and the interior is truly the lounge that Albaisa intends you to relax in, complete with soft sofa-like seats, shag carpets and a large glass roof with a blind and a shoji shade that allows light through but cuts down heat. "It's a car that doesn't

want to be defined as car," says Albaisa. "More like an extra room that you could plug into your house."

The Cube arrives in the U.S. early 2009 (no specific date for Canada yet), and in Europe late 2009, with 1.5-litre diesel and 1.6-litre gasoline powertrains.

Hyundai ready for diesel power

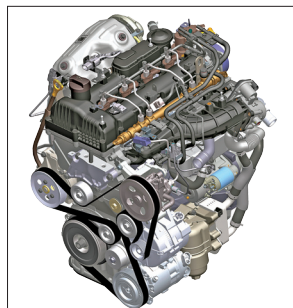
PLANT Hyundai has unveiled details of its newest diesel power plant, the R-Engine.

Available in two sizes, 2.0 and 2.2-litre, the new engines can comfortably beat the power outputs of all comparable German and French competitors with outputs of 184 hp, more than most rivals' V6s.

The R-Engine benefits from the third generation common rail system with piezo-electric injectors to deliver fuel at 1800-bar for an unprecedented degree of accuracy and control.

It also features an electronic variable geometry turbocharger and an advanced engine control unit (air system-based charge control).

The all-aluminum R-Engine is fitted with a 16-valve dual overhead camshaft which is driven by an internal steel silent timing chain. For reduced vibration and lower noise, the R gets a lower balance shaft which has been en-



Hyundai's R-Engine diesel will enter production next year and will see its first application in SUVs and large sedans.

cased in a stiffened ladder frame housing for increased rigidity.

Weight saving features include serpentine belt with isolation pulley, a plastic head cover, plastic intake manifold and plastic oil filter housing.

More than 500 prototype engines were built during the 42 month-long development period which encompassed a wide variety of performance and emissions tests, endurance as well as NVH, cooling and lubrication studies.

Making sense of emissions

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

"You better hurry up or you'll miss the emissions presentation."

I don't know about you, but I normally would run in the opposite direction of something like that as if my hair was on fire.

But the guy telling me to hurry was Mercedes-Benz' Andrew May, of the global communications department of Mercedes-Benz Cars and someone I've learned is to heed when he talks.

Leading the discussion was Bill Craven, general manager regulatory affairs, Daimler AG. Right off the top, his two main points about cars and emissions is we need one set of regulations worldwide and clean gasoline with low sulphur content just like the new low sulphur diesel we now have at the pumps in Canada.

Before talking about that, it's prudent to look at who pollutes.

Looking at just CO₂, transportation makes up 22 per cent of the world's greenhouse gases. Industry accounts for 31 per cent and electricity production is a full 36 per cent. With China bringing on a new fossil fuel-fired electricity plant every eight months, here is a problem on a global scale bigger than just cars.



Subaru is one of the first to offer a Partial Zero Emissions Vehicle (PZEV) version of its Legacy sedan and wagon.

But let's get back to motor vehicles and Craven's contention that one set of rules would drastically speed up the advent of greener cars and at less cost.

Currently the U.S. has one set of environmental regulations, Europe another and Japan yet another.

"The priority here is the achievement of clear guidelines. Unambiguous rules of the game are always the basic requirement necessary in order to function in a targeted and efficient manner," Craven said.

The good news is that we all know the manufacturers are working all out on greener cars and trucks, and governments have started to listen seriously to the carmakers as well as the public.

One approach is the ZEV mandate in California. In order to sell cars in that state, it obliges manufac-

turers to offer zero local-emissions vehicles making up 16 per cent of all the cars in their fleet by 2009.

ZEVs are defined as vehicles that have no vehicle exhaust emissions whatsoever, such as battery and fuel cell vehicles.

Manufacturers may opt to offset a certain proportion of the ZEV quota.

This can be done through so-called Partial Zero Emissions Vehicles (PZEV), which have to fulfill the SULEV standards and the so-called zero-evaporation regulations.

At the same time, a proportion of the ZEV quota may be offset through Advanced Technology PZEV vehicles. These are PZEV vehicles that are equipped with at least certain technology features. These include hybrid, natural gas or bivalent hydrogen combustion engines.

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Volkswagen has launched a full, seven-seat 2009 Routan minivan that will be offered in four trim levels. Styling cues take much from current VW products like the Tiguan-esque front treatment.

Routan has room for all

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada



According to Volkswagen Canada president and CEO John White, there still is, and will remain, a market for a vehicle that seats seven in comfort. So Volkswagen is launching a seven-seat minivan called the Routan.

Volkswagen Canada's position is that it's interested primarily in Honda Odyssey and Toyota Sienna buyers as they see an opportunity to attract import-minded consumers. With the cachet of being the only German maker in the mix, they feel they have a whole new market to plumb.

The Routan is being built

in Windsor on the same line and using the same platform as the Chrysler Town & Country and the Dodge Grand Caravan. Also, partnering with Chrysler means coming to market a lot sooner than trying to develop one in-house, not to mention being much cheaper.

Volkswagen plans to sell 5,500 units a year which would take them well over the 40,000-sales in Canada target.

Essentially, the Routan has crisp styling with the nose drawing heavily from the Tiguan compact crossover. The seats were made firmer as well as the suspension, in other words, more like a Volkswagen.

There are several minor changes, but what you see is what you get, which is essentially a Chrysler Town & Country, which is not a bad thing.

While the Americans get a choice of three engines, the Canadian Routan comes only with a Chrysler-sourced 4.0-litre, SOHC V6 putting out the same 251 hp and 259 lb/ft of torque as the T&C.

In front-drive (all-wheel-drive not available) power goes through a six-speed electronic automatic transmission with sequential shift mode. Fuel consumption is listed at 12.2L/100 km city and 7.9L/100 km highway.

The forward view is commanding and, thankfully, the materials used on the dashboard did not cause a reflection on the huge windshield which is a major failing in many minivans of my experience including the one I currently own.

The 4.0-litre has a lot of poke and the six-speeds mesh so nicely that there is always the right amount of power for conditions.

Canada will get four trim levels: The base Trendline starting at \$27,975; the Comfortline starting at \$33,975; the Highline starting at \$39,975 and the Execline (as tested here) starting at \$49,975.

2009 VW Routan

Type: Minivan
Price: \$27,975-\$49,975
Engine: 4.0-litre SOHC V6
HP: 251

Highlights

- Seats seven
- Front-wheel-drive
- Plenty of power

Each model has a large number of standard and optional features. Probably the best way to get a deeper look is to go to www.vw.ca and build one for yourself.

While this is classified as a "small" minivan, it is anything but and will fill any standard-size garage. But when it comes to picking a seat, there won't be any quibbling because there is room for all in the Routan.

With all three rows of seats up, there is 930 litres of cargo space behind the third row. Fold the third row seat beneath the cargo floor and there is 2,400 litres.

The third row, by the way, has three positions including tipping it over backwards to have a tailgate party seating. The second row seats either fold or can be taken out completely for even more cargo space.

Standard features in the all-new 2009 Routan include three-zone climate control, CD player with six speakers, dual sliding side doors, front and side curtain airbags, Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS), and Electronic Stabilization Program (ESP).



The interior, along with the suspension, was modified to give a more European feel and flair.

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Korean institute drives innovation

INFOTAINMENT Hyundai-Kia Automotive Group (HKAG) and Microsoft Corp. will jointly develop the next generation of in-car infotainment systems; both companies have joined forces with Korea's Institute for IT Advancement to open a dedicated Automotive IT Innovation Centre (AIIC).

HKAG and Microsoft will use the AIIC to develop new

technology such as auto telecommunication, telematics, navigation systems and Location Based Service (LBS), and improving Human Machine Interface (HMI).

The first product will provide voice-controlled connectivity between mobile devices and will be launched into the North American Market in 2010.

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Leibovitz in London

Until Feb. 1, 2009, an exhibit of 150 pictures by New York-based photographer Annie Leibovitz will be on display at the National Portrait Gallery. The pictures range from her most celebrated work to intensely private takes. See npg.org.uk/annieleibovitz. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

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Yotel opens in Amsterdam

Yotel, the airport-based hotel that features “cabins” instead of rooms, has now opened at Amsterdam’s Schipol Airport. All 57 cabins boast free Wifi, flat screen televisions and waterfall-like showers. To celebrate the opening, “Yotellers” will be offered a free bottle of champagne if they make sure they plan a stay before the end of December 2008. For reservations, e-mail customer@yotel.com.

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Left, an aerial view of El Questro Station, a million-acre cattle station that was the scene of the film’s dramatic cattl-mustering scenes. Right, the boab tree is an iconic part of the Kimberley region.

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Gateway to an epic landscape

The tiny town of Kununurra was home to the cast and crew of Australia

MEGAN ANDERSON
for Metro Canada



There’s no cinema in Kununurra, a pin prick on the map in Western Australia’s remote north west. Celluloid interludes in the sunbaked town are strictly the domain of the drive-inn picture theatre. The only red carpet is the region’s famous pindan dust.

But the celebrity count was high during the filming of Baz Luhrmann’s *Australia* for five months last year. Locals grew accustomed to seeing Hugh Jackman and wife Deborah-Lee Furness at the supermarket, and Keith Urban at the gym. Urban and wife Nicole Kidman shed their bodyguards to wander the streets, lining up for coffee at the town’s only breaky joint — the Boab Bookstore and Café — like everyone else.

While the action took place largely across Western Australia’s vast east Kimberley region — all 121,189 square kilometres of it — sleeping and down time was spent in Kununurra, population 7,775, the regional hub gazetted just 60-odd years ago in the wake of the Ord River irrigation scheme.

So while the melons and mangoes ripened for another year on the fertile flats, several of Kununurra’s well-heeled residents vacated their riverfront properties to supply homes away from home for Australia’s A-List cast and crew. The main drag, Konkerberry Street, got a new Rodeo Drive ring to it, as its unassuming shopfronts became the favoured haunts for the Kidman-Urban-Jackman ilk seeking mementos of the place.

It might look like a small aircraft hangar from the footpath, for example, but Kimberley Fine Diamonds stocks some of the world’s rarest and most dizzyingly expensive diamonds from the nearby Argyle Diamond mine, including the coveted pink diamond.

Proprietor Frauke Bolten-Boshammer is too discreet to say what her famous clients bought (rumour has it that Kidman had a diamond ring designed, but failed to collect it), but visits were long and numerous.

Bolten-Boshammer vacated her own Riverfarm Road house for director Luhrmann, who adopted it as his creative refuge. While the salt water crocodiles lurked a decorous distance from the backyard, he

viewed the daily rushes each night. Come shoot’s end, she gifted her famous tenant a diamond encrusted 18-carat gold pendant fashioned into the shape of a boab tree. Testament to the optimism radiating from the locals, she intended it as a good luck charm for the Oscars.

Luhrmann’s parting gift to the town was a real boab tree, planted in the Celebrity Tree Park where around 150 notables are immortalised in bark and plaque on the banks of Lake Kununurra.

He told townsfolk that boabs — gnarly, bulbous-trunked trees which can live for over a thousand years — have a spirituality that spoke to him. The trees, endemic to Western Australia’s Kimberley region, became central to the film’s visual idiom.

Luhrmann’s intention to make Australia a calling

card of sorts — a filmic acknowledgement of an extraordinary locale — will doubtless inspire a flurry of pilgrimages to Kununurra and the wider region whose assets have hitherto lurked under a very remote bushel.

Along the sleepy 60-kilometre stretch of the impressive Ord River, for instance, finding a deserted fishing spot with an embarrassment of silver cobbler and exotic bird life is a cinch. The man-made Lake Argyle is so vast — more than 100 square kilometres — it contains its own archipelago and can generate waves up to two metres high.

Kununurra artist and gallery owner Nadeen Lovell knows the beauty well. And the extent to which the film and the town at its nerve centre will remain inextricably linked. A regular with her easel at House Roof Hill, a much-painted scene close to where the film’s fictional homestead was built at Carlton Hill Station, she was privy to a conversation with set designers about the vegetable patch they were establishing there to give the homestead authenticity. Lamenting their failure to make the vegetables grow fast enough, Lovell volunteered produce from her own garden to help

things along.

The next morning at 5 a.m., a crew arrived at her house with a truck and a shovel. They left with a load of fully grown greens destined for a film set more than 100 kilometres away.

Now, like many residents of the Kimberley, Lovell is awaiting the film with bated breath.

Not just to see local landmarks writ large on the big screen, or to ogle Kidman and Jackman inhabiting the distinctive Kimberley landscape. She can’t wait to see the end of it. The closing credits in particular. Will “Lettuce by Nadeen” be the town’s final crowning glory?

Kununurra

- Kununurra is 3,214 kilometres from Perth, and 800 kilometres from Darwin. There are daily flights from both centres flying SkyWest airlines, skywest.com.au, and Air North, airnorth.com.au. Also visit kununurratourism.com.



Hugh Jackman and Nicole Kidman in a scene from the film *Australia*.

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All smiles

Actor Robert Pattinson was reportedly forced to fix his teeth before filming new movie *Twilight*, because producers wanted him to have an alluring smile. **IMDB.COM**

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Walters set to interview Obamas

POLITICS The Barack Obama media tour is making another stop — and at another high-profile place.

A week after the president-elect and first lady-elect Michelle Obama spoke to 60 Minutes, they're sitting down for an interview with ABC's Barbara Walters. It'll air as a one-hour special tonight on ABC.

ABC said the interview would touch on the transition, the economy, foreign policy and how the family is dealing with the immense change in their lives. Parts of the interview will also air on Good Morning America, World News and Nightline.

Frank subject of new film projects

MOVIES Anne Frank is the subject of two film projects that are being developed.

Jacqueline van Maarsen's book *My Name Is Anne, She Said*, Anne Frank will be made into a film as a joint production of SamFilm and CTM Films BV. Italian International Films is producing *Memories of Anne Frank*, an adaptation of Alison Leslie Gold's book *Memories of Anne Frank: Reflections of a Childhood Friend*.

In brief

TV It looks like America's Next Top Model will be back on the catwalk next season. The CW is close to renewing the Tyra Banks-hosted reality competition series for a 13th cycle to air in fall 2009. **REUTERS**

Australia long, but worth it

Australia

Director: Baz Luhrmann

Stars: Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman

Class: STC

Rating: ●●●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW There's a lot riding on Australia. For starters, at \$130 million dollars, it's the most expensive Aussie film ever made. And while a rather overblown budget is cause enough to concern director Baz Luhrmann (*Moulin Rouge*), tourism officials are hoping the film will renew their industry as well.

Luhrmann shouldn't worry so much about that. If nothing else, *Australia* is a beautifully filmed study of a vast land that — as one character says — has "a strange power." What Luhrmann should fret over is the drawn-out narrative that plays to melodramatic excess.

Set during the outbreak of World War II, *Australia* features Nicole Kidman as Lady Ashley, widow of a mysteriously murdered cattle ranch owner. When confronted by her hus-

band's rival with a takeover bid, Ashley hires a maverick stockman (Hugh Jackman) and joins him on a massive cattle drive across the outback.

While the movie's not short on romance or adventure (including a cattle stampede), this flick really stands apart from its contemporaries through Luhrmann's careful study of Australia's heritage.

Led by 13-year-old newcomer Brandon Walters, *Australia* sheds light on the Stolen Generations — Aboriginal children who were removed from their families and placed in missions.

Walters is truly the backbone of this movie playing Nullah, a mixed-race child who becomes the surrogate son of Ashley. Not only does he provide the film with a stirring breakout performance, but some much-needed cultural depth as well.

While sitting for the film's 165-minute length may leave you numb down under, *Australia*'s passion redeems its bulkiness; regardless of its strenuous story, this is still a crusade worth catching.

While its length may leave you numb, *Australia*'s passion redeems its bulkiness.



Visit metronews.ca/movies for screen times and to see the trailers for *Australia*, *Four Christmases* and *Transporter 3*.

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Third film in Transporter series flat out rocks

Transporter 3

Director: Olivier Megaton

Stars: Jason Statham

Class: 14A

Rating: ●●●●

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Virtually gone are the days of the Eurotrash flick: Those slick late-'60s French/Italian exports that mined popular American genre trappings while grafting their own highly stylized, haute couture informed sensibilities on top.

From the sexually charged sci-fi hijinks of *Barbarella* to the kinky comic book thrills of *Danger: Diabolik*, these quintessentially European art/junk pictures



Jason Statham in *Transporter 3*.

bent rules and existed only to thrill.

Which is why the flawed but fun Luc Besson-produced *Transporter* films are so endearing; their single brained intent is to bombard audiences with eyeball spinning action, beautifully dressed — and undressed — women, sexy cars and exotic locales while blaring puls-

ing techno music.

The latest entry in the lucrative but critically maligned franchise, simply called *Transporter 3*, once more pits an iron jawed, black belt-sporting mercenary driver Frank Martin against a cabal of greasy, well-tailored international baddies.

And while the film boasts the same clunky narrative problems and distractingly dubbed European actors as the first two installments, I'm happy to report that the breathlessly-paced *Transporter* makes amends by delivering some of the most delirious action set pieces of this or any other year.

Here, Frank finds himself driving a mysterious package and a strung-out Ukrainian party girl across Eastern

Europe against his will. In a kinky plot device, Frank's fate is literally tied to his beloved Audi.

See, his villainous employers have affixed an explosive device to his wrist, ensuring that if he goes 50-feet from the machine, he'll be blown to smithereens. When Frank curls his lip at this, many car-crunching chases and bone breaking martial arts battles follow — much of Statham's fighting is shirtless.

Fuelled by a wildly unhinged sensibility and with tongue lodged firmly in cheek, *Transporter 3* flat out rocks and is a dynamite, retro-pulp entertainment that should please the legion of James Bond fans who were left cold by Quantum of Solace.

Beyonce's childbirth fear

Singer/actress Beyonce has revealed she wants kids — but adds she's still scarred from witnessing the birth of her nephew. "I was there in the delivery room and it kind of traumatized me," Beyoncé admits. PEOPLE.COM



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Silverman braves stormy seas

IntelVision



FAILING YOUR WAY TO THE TOP: One day there will be a really fantastic glossy magazine article or white-knuckled business book on the career of Ben Silverman and his tenure at NBC. The network, like the rest of the big four, is having a bad year, and after going AWOL for almost a month at the Beijing Olympics while the network suffered painful birthing pangs on their new season, it was expected that that Silverman would be a convenient fall guy if things turned out poorly.

Silverman's time as co-head of NBC Entertainment has been anything but smooth; screenwriters went on strike six months after he signed his two-year contract with the company, and it's been all damage control since then. Hollywood, like a medieval village or an iso-

lated Amazon tribe, is a superstitious place, and after a run as poor as this you'd expect that Silverman would be on his way to sacrifice at the altar of the fire god, but as has been pointed out too many times before, putting "show" and "business" together means that laws of physics and basic math are suspended.

Silverman, a Hollywood character of legendary arrogance, is apparently a master of the deal, and has actually saved the network money while its shows and ratings have continued to tank.

"I could not be more pleased with the job that he's done," NBC CEO Jeff Zucker told the Los Angeles Times. Hollywood insiders continue to confirm gobsacked rumours that his contract will be renewed and Katherine Pope, the Universal Media Studio head, will be the scapegoat. Her contract is also up in June, and it looks like she's already being measured for her pine box.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

A happy holiday diversion

Four Christmases

Director: Seth Gordon
Stars: Vince Vaughn, Reese Witherspoon
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

With the Halloween horror season behind us, it's time for Hollywood to start trudging out their odes the most commercial of all holidays.

Four Christmases is the first release to hit screens and while it has plenty of the Yuletide carols and goopy sentimentality that we expect this time of year, the concept is just subversive enough to make it worth seeing.

Sure, this is no future Christmas classic, but it will be a movie that you won't angrily turn off when it starts airing on television during the holidays.

Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon star as a professional couple who always avoid their families during Christmas and understandably so,



Four Christmases is no future classic, but it will be a movie that you won't angrily turn off during the holidays.

considering that they both come from highly eccentric divorced families (that's four dysfunctional visits per year).

After the film's worst plot contrivance traps them in the country and broadcasts their availability to their kin, Vaughn and Witherspoon embark

on their dreaded Four Christmases. The movie is episodic by design and is predictably inconsistent depending on which family the couple are visiting. But with a stacked cast that includes such names as Robert Duvall, Sissy Spacek, Mary Steenburgen, and Jon Favereau,

the hits are more plentiful than the misses.

The film marks the fictional directorial debut of Seth Gordon who's hilarious documentary The King Of Kong was probably the most underappreciated gem of 2007.

Gordon has a gift for character comedy that shows in this film, it's just too bad that the rushed production didn't give him a chance to iron out all of the problems with the script. For a holiday movie that starts out refreshingly subversive and anti-family, the film nosedives into sentimentality in the closing scenes and ends on a very predictable and unsatisfying note.

However, with comedy leads as strong as Vaughn and Witherspoon along with a talented supporting cast, the movie offers plenty of laughs before limping to the finish line. With a little more work this could have been an anti-Christmas classic like The Ref.

Instead it's little more than a pleasant holiday diversion.

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Deal or No Deal

Ashley Otte, a hardworking college student from Randolph, Minn., competes in hopes of winning enough money to pay off her student loans and start enjoying college life. But when she mistakenly reveals to Howie that her biggest fear is turkeys, the Banker puts her family in a cage with eight live turkeys. At least there'll be plenty of drumsticks. Viewers at home can play along for a chance to win \$50,000. 10 PM on KHQ

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Celebrity Buzz

Leo fights to keep privacy



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PEOPLE Actor Leonardo DiCaprio has vowed to boycott the paparazzi, dubbing them “disrespectful and dangerous,” imdb.com reports.

DiCaprio admits he’s been fighting to stay away from the limelight since turning into a major Hollywood star, and he’s keen to keep his name out of the press.

“Actually, I’m not in the tabloids anymore. I am sometimes, but I’ve watched the culture change. I’m old hat. And I love it.

You know what it is with me? This is something I’d like to clarify. I’ve heard people say, ‘Because you hide, it makes you seem ungrateful,’ he says. “The mere fact that these — I’ll use the word piles — are earning money from exploiting my image is the only reason I hide myself or am not a photo-friendly person. I do not like the way they conduct themselves. I think they’re disrespectful and dangerous. The reason I don’t pose or smile or that I seem mad is that I don’t want them to make a living off my private life.”

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Cruise’s family plans

CHILDREN Tom Cruise is keen to expand his family with Katie Holmes, but is waiting until his wife finishes her current stint on Broadway before trying for another baby, imdb.com reports.

Holmes is starring in a new adaptation of Arthur Miller’s *All My Sons* and will be based in New York until the end of her run, which is expected to finish early next year.



Cruise admits the couple, who already have two-year-old daughter Suri, are keen for another baby, but they have to wait until Holmes returns to the family home in California.

“We have already heard she’s pregnant but it’s not true. But yes, we will have more children. I’m saying this, but Kate’s not here! She’s working and we’re enjoying this time right now. It’s very precious, we don’t get this time back,” Cruise says.

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Simpson wrote in diary to heal

WELL-BEING Jessica Simpson put pen to paper to cure her of the heartbreak following her split from husband Nick Lachey, because writing in her diary was “therapeutic” for the star, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer, who divorced Lachey in 2002 after three years of marriage, found it helpful to keep a journal of her thoughts and feelings.

Simpson later used the emotional entries as inspiration for her music.

“It (writing in a diary) is very, very therapeutic,” she says. “There is a lot about heartbreak, there is a lot about perseverance. I used it as inspiration for my album.”

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Dating authors offer Aniston advice

RELATIONSHIPS Jennifer Aniston has been offered dating advice by the authors of *The Rules*, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Sherrie Schneider, who co-wrote the dating manual with Ellen Fein, says the former *Friends* actress should not have spoken publicly about her summer breakup from John Mayer, and should also keep quiet about her ex-husband Brad Pitt’s relationship with Angelina Jolie.

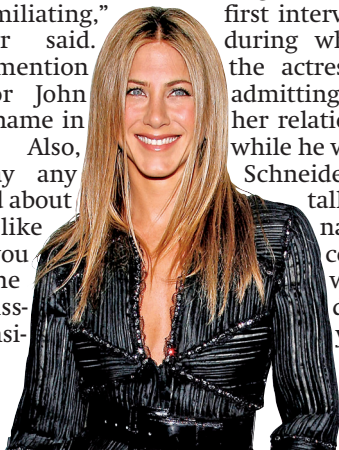
“Breaking up is never

easy, but it doesn’t have to be humiliating,” Schneider said. “Never mention Brad’s or John Mayer’s name in public. Also, don’t say anything bad about Brad, like when you said he was missing a sensitivity chip.”

Refer-

ring to Aniston’s recent first interview about Jolie, during which she called the actress “uncool” for admitting she had started her relationship with Pitt while he was still married, Schneider added: “Never talk about Angelina or call her ‘uncool,’ even if she was uncool. She does not exist in your world.”

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No motherhood for Carrie

CAREER Sarah Jessica Parker has promised fans her character Carrie Bradshaw will not become a mother in the *Sex And The City: The Movie* sequel, because it would go against the character’s beliefs, imdb.com reports.

“It doesn’t seem as if that’s going to be a choice she’ll make,” she says. “I don’t know. Michael (Patrick King, director) and I never talk about it. That doesn’t mean that won’t be part of the story. We just haven’t figured it out. It feels a little bit manipulative to toss that in-

to the mix, because she seems so pointed in a different direction.”

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Brandy devastated

TRAGEDY Brandy says she was so devastated by her high-speed car crash that killed another woman motorist in Los Angeles two years ago, “there was a point when I didn’t feel like it was OK to live on — because someone else lost their life,” PageSix.com reports.

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Paris booted at birthday party

PEOPLE Paris Hilton received a chilly reception at an event in Los Angeles.

The hotel heiress was set to introduce the Pussycat Dolls at a birthday party for designer Christian Audigier’s daughter, Crystal, but when Audigier asked the crowd if they wanted to see Paris, they broke out

in a chorus of boos. According to a source at the party, “The entire room — which had just cheered when they thought Britney Spears was coming — booed loudly. Paris was practically in tears and left without taking the stage.”

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Butler may not be charged for fight

LEGAL Actor Gerard Butler has been given the chance to resolve his recent fight with a paparazzo without facing criminal charges, imdb.com reports.

Butler stands accused of beating up a photographer who followed him as he left a Los Angeles bar last month.

The snapper was reportedly treated in hospital for the injuries he suffered.

According to TMZ.com, Butler has been ordered to attend an informal hearing at the city attorney’s office.

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Winehouse is sent to hospital

HEALTH Singer Amy Winehouse was admitted to a private London hospital on Sunday, her rep tells CNN.

Chris Goodman told the news outlet that medication Winehouse was taking made her ill, and doctors admitted her to the clinic for investigation, People.com reports.

Winehouse previously checked into a London hospital in July after suffering a bad reaction to her medication.

But Goodman did not disclose which medications were involved in either case.

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Thursday
Sunny
-2 °C / -11 °C

Friday
Partly Cloudy
0 °C / -11 °C



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WEEKDAYS AT 6 AM



Take Five

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Crossword across

- 1 Do sums
4 Apprehend
8 Film segment
12 Anger
13 Medley
14 Similar to
15 Brooks or Torme
16 Chair protector
18 Filch
20 Corrode
21 Open somewhat
24 Tibet’s capital
28 One with lots of four-legged friends?
32 Satan’s specialty
33 Submachine gun
34 Jazz style
- 36 A Gershwin
37 Raised
39 Pirate
41 Comic Silverman
43 Cornfield trespasser
44 Scratch
46 Tangle
50 Read quickly
55 Dinner for Dobbin
56 Staffer
57 “David Copperfield” character
58 Swelled head
59 Banana castoff
60 Took to the pool
61 Chaps

Crossword down

- 1 Intentions
2 Bob’s “The Price Is Right” successor
3 Sandwich shop
4 Rhinoplasty
5 The whole enchilada
6 Mid-afternoon hour on a sundial
7 Easy bounding gait
8 Dress
9 Tyler or Ullmann
10 White House nickname
11 Apiece
17 Western st.
19 Crony
22 Birds, to Brutus
23 Violin’s ancestor
25 Tel —
26 Paddock papa
- 27 Winged
28 Taverns
29 Pound of poetry
30 Wedding cake feature
31 Bellow
35 Telecast
38 Maiden
40 Possess
42 Possesses
45 Fishing gear
47 Attention getter
48 Storm
49 French city
50 Space
51 Falsehood
52 Praise in verse
53 Solemn promise
54 Historic time

PREVIOUS DAY’S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 minGenius
13-17 min.....Scholar

17-21 minSmart
21-25 minNot bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Beef Stroganoff

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 tbsp olive oil
1 large red onion
1/2 lb (230g) small chestnut mushrooms
1 1/4 lb (560g) beef fillet
2 tsp (10 mL) fresh green peppercorns in brine
Salt
2 tbsp (25 mL) Dijon mustard
1 1/4 cup (300 mL) sour cream
8 small drained cocktail gherkins
A small bunch of chives

METHOD:

1. Heat 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil in a large frying pan. Halve, peel, and thinly slice onion, then fry over a moderate heat until slightly softened, about 2 or 3 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, clean and halve mushrooms and add to the pan. Increase heat and cook, stirring, for about 5 minutes, until softened and most liquid has evaporated.
3. While mushrooms are cooking, slice beef fillet very thinly, then cut across the grain into thin strips.
4. When mushrooms are

cooked, put into a large bowl with onion and set aside.
5. Add 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil to the pan and increase heat to high. Add half of beef and stir-fry for 2–3 minutes, or until very lightly browned, then remove. Heat remaining oil and cook rest of beef the same way.
6. Return onion, mushrooms and first batch of beef with juices to the frying pan. Crush green peppercorns, add to the pan with some salt, and heat through for 1–2 minutes.
7. Blend mustard and sour cream together and stir into beef, with gherkins. Heat through gently, without boiling. Trim, rinse, and dry chives, snip over top and serve.

SERVES 4

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to rd.ca or check out Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A headstrong person misses talking to you. Emotional distress is caused by an unusual amount of problems. Don't give up on yourself.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Be assured that nobody will let you down. A mastermind should not be tangled with. A self-pitying person ignores your friendly smile.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Falling in love is okay, if you think long and hard first. Pushiness makes for an unsettling situation. Decadent foods are clues to your secret longings.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A discovery takes on greater significance. Satisfaction is guaranteed if you keep a promise. An argumentative stranger tells the truth.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
An unexpected escapade torments your heart. Love will have a deeper meaning. Someone hasn't changed in a significant way.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
All you want to do is have some fun. Be poised when facing a difficult cross-examination. An awesome adventure baffles on-lookers.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Give someone a good reason to stay. A weight problem is spitefully discussed. Bring your life back into focus.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Say goodbye to a domineering woman. A special dream will come true. Take good care of a fragile elder.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Bittersweet memories accompany a departing hero. Curiosity is satisfied by a devoted sweetheart. An expert interferes with tried and true plans.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
An optimist will touch your heart. Prance around with crazy old friends. Stop speculating about how things might have been.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Lack of faith will cause a crash. Being ignored will wreck your hard won serenity. Someone's loyalty is being questioned.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Pleasure is found in new music. Disappointment ends a relationship. Stay where you are for a while.



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1. A single Catholic sister (1)
2. Fifteen minus six kvetch (1)
3. A quartet cursed (1)
4. Two times three times (1)
5. Papa Doc's nation's Reagan decade (2)
6. A thousand thousand 1,000,000,000 (2)
7. Avis rival's U.S. bills with U.S. Grant (2)

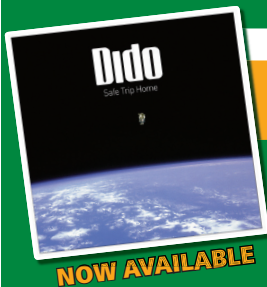
ANSWERS
1. ONE NUN 2. NINE WHINE 3. FOUR SWARE 4. TWICE THREE
5. HAITS EIGHTIES 6. MILLION BILLION 7. THIRTY FIFTIES

This day in history

- NOV. 26, 1784: Catholic Apostolic Prefecture of the United States established.
NOV. 26, 1789: A national Thanksgiving Day is observed in the United States as recommended by President George Washington and approved by Congress.
NOV. 26, 1917: The National Hockey League is formed, with the Montreal Canadiens, Montreal Wanderers, Ottawa Senators, Quebec Bulldogs and Toronto Arenas as its first teams.
NOV. 26, 1941: U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs a bill establishing the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day in the United States.

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